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PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION OF IOTAC

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To establish an all-source register of Soviet electronics equipment.

PURPOSE

To provide the intelligence community with the best and most complete reference for the identification of Soviet electronics equipment that can be produced from all available sources. It is intended that the results will aid in:

1. The analysis of communications and electronics systems and capabilities of the USSR.
2. Determining products and estimates of production.
3. Determining activities in the field of research and development.

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5. Compiling trade information.

PARTICIPANTS

Applicable offices of:

1. Country.
2. CIA: OSI, COMMO, S/COM, FDD, I/EE, D/T.
3. USAF: ATIC, AFOIN, AFSS, TARGETS.
4. USA: G-2, SCIA.
5. USN: ONI.

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METHOD

Open to suggestions, here is one:

1. Country or CIA act in capacity of focal point for collection.
2. Country or CIA accomplish rough processing and punching of IBM cards.
3. Final processing (elimination of duplications, combining and cross-reference of like items, evaluation, check for essential information).

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4. Publishing in IBM tabulation form at regular intervals in a standardized format in two classifications and also to meet consumers specific requirements.

5. Distribution to participants normally and to others as requested.

SCOPE OF
PRESENTATION

Limitations of space on tabulation sheets will require a compromise of detail versus essential information. Suggested minimum essential: (liberal coding is anticipated)

1. Indexing in two manners:
 - a. Alphabetical followed by numerical, representing equipment designation.
 - b. General functional groupings.
2. Cross reference with other designations for same item.
3. Classification (security).
4. First and latest date noted.
5. Place manufactured, used, or noted. From and to.

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7. Prices.
8. Evaluation.

DATE OF FIRST
REPORT

Suggest no deadline be imposed. The value of the product will be improved by good cool planning and by allowing a usable minimum of information to accumulate. A deadline would be a detriment.

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